

Minutes IC Meeting January 19, 2023

Meeting attendance: Michele Chapman, Melissa El-Helo, Alicia Fabianczyk, Elisabet Garcia, Heather Heinz, Noemi Hernandez, Anne Hitch, Erin Jackle, Ramiro Juarez, Audrey Leaver, Elizabeth Ma, Carol Mammoser, Jen Misek, Gina Pelletiere, Mario Pestaña, Craig Pflueger, Glenda Rosado, Stephanie Rosales, Don Selusnik, Brigid Trimble, Anthony Venetico, Kyle Wright

Absent: Luis Fernando De Leon, Jesus Diaz Peña, Dawn McCusker, Jennifer Williamson

Guests/Observers:

December Minutes: Motion to approve December minutes. Approved. 14 approve, none opposed, 3 abstained

Action Item:

EHS IB Resources

- Motion to approve EHS IB Resources

Discussion:

- Are the resources going to be available district wide?
 - They are looking into district wide licenses.

19 approved, none opposed, 1 abstained

Business Resources

- Motion to approve Business Resources

Discussion:

- None

16 approved, none opposed, 4 abstained

Initial Presentations:

SHS LEAD Magnet Academy

Business for Entrepreneurs

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Will the classes be running at the same time?
 - Yes.
- Will they only learn about brick and mortar stores? What about Amazon or bigger corporations?
 - Students will also learn about online stores.
- Will there be an opportunity for an internship?
 - Yes.

Appreneruship

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Should Business for Entrepreneurs and this course be sequential?
 - No. The skill learned in the Business for Entrepreneurs are not skills students will need for this course.
- Is there a reason for only requesting 6 tablets?
 - The students will be using the tablets in groups not individually.
- What teachers will be teaching these courses?
 - We check teacher certification.
- Are we limiting what students can come into the program? 90 seems very limited.
 - There is a lottery system to go into the program. We accommodate all types of students. We no longer select only the top tier students.
- Could the program be expanded?
 - The number is set by the district.
- Once the app is developed and it doesn't go as planned. Is that going to negatively impact the students?
 - This course is about attaining the skills, not having a winning product.
- Will the students stay in the same groups when they move to InCubator?
 - Yes, if they choose to stay together.

Academy Integrated Math

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation.

Questions:

- Will this be available in Spanish for DL students?
 - Yes.

LEAD Discover: Contemporary World Issues

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation.

Questions:

- Is this currently a class?
 - No, this will be a new class for next school year.
- Is this one of the electives?
 - This class will be a required course for the academy and will receive a Social Studies credit,
- How will this impact DL students?
 - DL students receive Spanish Social Studies education in their Junior year.
- Are there any fun classes for students?
 - Students choose these classes and the academy has been redesigned to allow student to have more flexibility.
- Elective choices are limited. We lose a lot of kids to these programs because of lack of choices.

- Students choose to be in the academy and we make it very clear that the choices they are making are long term.
- There are 3 years of Science and the 4th year is optional?
 - Yes.

Middle School Science Proposal

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- How many teachers gave feedback?
 - 9.
- What was the most common feedback?
 - There are too many standards and we need more PD.
- Could the reason we are having problems with Freshman Biology be because of the missing standards?
 - We need to do a better job at teaching what we need to teach.
- Will Gizmos come back?
 - No. We are looking at other alternatives.
- Is it sustainable to really give that one on one assistance to teachers?
 - Yes. That is part of my job.
- A teacher can choose if they want to do weather or chemicals first?
 - Yes.
- Is there a unit for teachers to follow for weather?
 - Yes.

Informational Updates

Information Systems Update

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- What will happen to the computer applications and advanced computer application courses?
 - The classes will not exist. The curriculum piece will be absorbed in to the business course.
- Will these courses be available in Spanish?
 - None of these courses have resources in Spanish. We are open to working with the MME department to come up with a solution.
- We don't hear a lot about the pathways. A video might be helpful.
 - Yes. We are working with a company to create videos.
- Are there stand alone electives that students can take to just get a taste and not have to commit to a pathway?
 - Yes. Students can sign up for the class as an elective. Anyone can take the courses.

Summary Statements

Instructional Council approved the EHS IB Resources proposal and the Business proposal.

Instructional Council viewed presentations on SHS Lead Magnet Academy and Middle School Science.

Instructional Council received an informational update on Information System courses.